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Office Action Summary

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Status

- Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- This action is FINAL.
- Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- Claim(s) 1-6, 8-12, 15 and 16 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- Claim(s) 1-6, 8-12, 15 and 16 are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is approved disapproved.
- The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

Attachment(s)

- Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892 Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948 Other _____

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What claims are in the application? See new Rule 121. The preliminary amendment begins with claim 3.

At this point, claim 1 cannot be understood, it is too long and has too many instances of substituted, without saying what the substituents are.

It (claim 1) is *really* just too much to deal with. Does some method (means) of restriction appear to applicant? I am going to have to ask for an election ^{of} species. I cannot find a way to get around this claim; ~~comeway~~ to identify a fixed heterocyclic ring, in the manner of In re Harnish, 226 USPQ 353.

In Harnish, coumarin was *fixed*. A single heterocyclic ring. Here, no heterocyclic ring is fixed. Classification is impossible.

This application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species.

Applicant is required, under 35 U.S.C. 121, to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant is advised that a response to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected; consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a generic claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Claim 1 is generic to a plurality of patentably distinct species. Applicant is required, under 35 U.S.C. 121, to elect a single disclosed species, even if this requirement is traversed. See 37 CFR 1.143.

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